

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment is being filed in further response to the Office Action mailed in the application on September 25, 2003. In the Amendment After Final filed on December 22, 2003, applicant inadvertently canceled claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-11, 13-14, 30-31 and 33. Therefore, claims 34-46, which correspond to inadvertently canceled claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-11, 13-14, 30-31 and 33, have been added by this Supplemental Amendment.

No fee is believed to be necessary for entry of the added claims because the same number of claims are being added that were canceled in the previous amendment. However, authorization is granted to charge any other fees, if necessary, for entry of this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 18-1644.

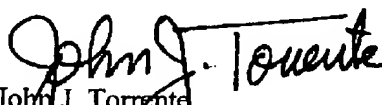
Added claims 34-36, 37-39, 40-41, 42-43 and 44-46 each depend, directly or indirectly, on independent claims 1, 5, 9, 12 or 29, respectively, and are submitted as patentable for at least the same reasons as set forth in applicant's amendment filed December 22, 2003 with respect to such independent claims.

In view of the above, it is submitted that applicant's claims, as amended, patentably distinguish over the cited art of record. Accordingly, reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that an interview would expedite consideration of this Supplemental Amendment or of the application, a request is made that the Examiner telephone applicant's counsel at (212) 682-9640.

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